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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

REF: (A) MADRID 574 (NOTAL, (B) BELGRADE 523 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR
EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS (DEL PINT), DISCUSSING
SPANISH RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES WITH EMBOFF JANUARY 28, OBSERVED THAT THE RUSH
WAS ON: "THEY'RE STANDING IN LINE."

2. HE THOUGHT IT WAS APPROPRIATE THAT ROMANIA HAD BEEN
FIRST, ADDING TO THE REASONS GIVEN IN REF A THE FACT THAT
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ROMANIA HAD BEEN FIRST IN THE LAST ROUND OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF LIMITED RELATIONS. YUGOSLAVIA HAD WANTED
TO BE FIRST, HE SAID, AND HAS SCRAMBLED NOT TO BE WORSE THAN
SECOND, BUT HAD BEEN SLOWED BY THE FACT THAT IT DID
NOT HAVE BOTH CONSULAR AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS ALREADY
(AS DID ROMANIA), AND BY THE FACT THAT, ALONE IN THE WORLD
EXCEPT FOR MEXICO, IT RECOGNIZED THE REPUBLICAN GOVT IN

EXILE. ASKED HOW THE YUGOSLAVS HAD HANDLED THE LATTER PROBLEM, DEL PINO PROFESSED IGNORANCE, SPECULATING THEY MIGHT HAVE SENT THE REPUBLICANS A NOTE BUT SAYING THAT IN ANY CASE "THEY WIPE THEM OFF THE MAP."

3. NOTING THAT THE MISSION TO MOSCOW HEADED BY DIRGEN (FOR EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS) ELIAS WAS DUE BACK THAT EVENING, DEL PINO SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD RETURN WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ALREADY SET OR NOT. SPAIN HAD A STICKING POINT, HE SAID, REGARDING ITS CLAIM TO THE GOLD TRANSFERRED TO MOSCOW DURING THE CIVIL WAR, A MATTER THAT IT COULD NOT ALLOW TO BE SIMPLY DROPPED. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED, HE SAID, ALTHOUGH THE GOS IN TAKING THAT POSITION WAS NOT TRYING TO PRE-CAST THE OUTCOME OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT DIPLOMATS WOULD BE ABLE TO FIND A FORMULA TO RESOLVE THE DIVERGENT POSITIONS.

4. REGARDING OTHER COUNTRIES, DEL PINO NOTED OF BULGARIA ONLY THAT IT ALSO HAD RESUMED RELATIONS JANUARY 27. CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD SHOWN SOME INTEREST, HE SAID, BUT PRESUMABLY WAS TAKEN UP ENOUGH WITH ITS CURRENT INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES NOT TO BE ABLE TO PUSH FORWARD MUCH WITH SPAIN. HUNGARY AND POLAND HE IMAGINED WOULD COME ALONG IN DUE COURSE, BUT HE MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC ACTION UNDER WAY. EAST GERMANY, ACCORDING TO DEL PINO, WOULD MOST LIKELY BE LAST, BECAUSE OF 1975 INCIDENT IN WHICH THE GOS REJECTED OUT OF HAND THE "REALLY UNACCEPTABLE" LETTER THE EAST GERMAN PRESIDENT HAD SENT TO HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART; EAST

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GERMANY THEREUPON SUSPENDED RELATIONS. IT WAS NOT AN IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE POINT, DEL PINO SAID, BUT IT DID MAKE DELAY APPROPRIATE, AND SPAIN WAS IN NO HURRY. STABLER

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